

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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THIRD READING

HB 4259 (Pappageorge)

The bill would require the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police to allow any local governmental public safety agency to use the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS).

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC]. Sen. Schauer: The bill is unnecessary because Governor Granholm has issued an executive directive requiring that a governmental public safety agency be allowed to install public safety communications equipment on MPSCS towers.
- HB 4259 was moved to 3rd Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 66 (Sanborn) SCR 20 (Toy)

Resolutions urging the United States Department of Homeland Security to locate its Midwestern headquarters at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County.

SR 66:

- Schauer 1 (2 amendments) was defeated [no RC]. This seeks to locate the Midwestern headquarters at the Weapons of Mass Destruction Support Team located at Fort Custer Military Training Center in Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties.
- Scott 2 (2 amendments) was defeated [no RC]. This seeks to locate the Midwestern headquarters in the city of Detroit.
- SR 66 was adopted [no RC].

SCR 20:

- Schauer 1 (2 amendments) was defeated [no RC]. This seeks to locate the headquarters at the Weapons
 of Mass Destruction Support Team located at Fort Custer Military Training Center in Calhoun and
 Kalamazoo Counties.
- SCR 20 was adopted [no RC].

SR 65 (Hardiman)

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003.

["A glaring inequity in the tax code . . . affects a number of those who serve our nation as military personnel and who leave their homes on extended assignment. These brave men and women may be penalized for their selfless service on behalf of the American people and our allies. Many are unable to take advantage of the capital gains tax relief afforded ordinary citizens because their call to overseas duty may prevent them from physically occupying their homes for the required period of time."]

• SR 65 was adopted [no RC].

SR 75 (Senate)

A memorial resolution honoring former legislator and Michigan Lt. Governor Martha Griffiths.

• SR 75 was adopted [no RC].

SCR 4 (Cassis)

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to repeal the federal excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

• SCR 4 was adopted [no RC].